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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Takeshi Yasumoto, et al. ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
Application No.: Not yet assigned ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Filed: October 17, 2001 )  
For: Driving Force )  
Transmission )  
Mechanism, Image )  
Forming Apparatus )  
Equipped With Such A )  
Mechanism, and )  
Process Unit Of Such )  
An Apparatus ) October 17, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 22 as follows. A marked-up copy of Claim 22 is also attached.

22. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1 or 15, wherein said center shaft  
is rotatable integrally with said first and second coupling portions.